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SUBJECT: REQUEST TO PASS INFORMATION ON MODALITIES TO  
REALIZE EARLY GAS

Charge is instructed to meet with Foreign Minister Meredov to reaffirm US support for an early gas option and to convey a non paper on options. Note that President Berdimuhamedov asked Ambassador Mann's assistance for ideas on ways forward. A Russian language non paper on the topic is coming by separate channel. The same paper was passed to the Azerbaijan government.  
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